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FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

Everything possible is being done to focus attention on Forest Products during the week of October 18th to October 24th. This week is proclaimed National "Forest Products Week" and is something each of us employed by the Forest Industry should support. We all have a stake in the future of this industry and we can do our bit by urging the use of wood in building at every opportunity.

You need make no apologies for wood in construction. It offers advantages no other single material can boast and with modern construction technique it can be used in many applications formerly reserved only for concrete or steel. How many of you know the uses of the product you are producing? Wood offers tremendous opportunities in building, from the largest commercial buildings to the hobby shop.

As a resident and taxpayer of this community, you have a right to insist on building codes and public buildings being favorable to your industry. This can be done without sacrifice of safety, and is being done in cities much larger than any in the Rogue River Valley.

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UNITED CRUSADE

The United Crusade includes thirty member agencies which your contribution helps to support. One gift works wonders . . .

for children
for the aged
for the handicapped
for the sick
for distressed families
for our community
for our country
for **YOU**

Give generously in 1964.

"Our lives are enriched only as we enrich the lives of others."

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A GOOD POINT-

*make it a
Closed Season
on Accidents!*



HUNTERS, ATTENTION

This is the hunter's time of the year. Not that the fishing gear has to be stowed away yet but the rifle and shotgun are in the spotlight. As you all know now, deer season opened October 3rd and as an added incentive to eastern Oregon nimrods, chukar season opened the same date.

October 10th at 8:00 a.m. will be the opening of duck and goose season so things will start picking up over Klamath Falls way. The following weekend, October 17th, will see the fields and hedges being beat for pheasant and quail. And last but not least, the weekend of October 31st will have the younger generation out hunting mischief or maybe just "trick or treat."

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PEAT DIGGER RETURNS

Usually the occurrence of a substance called dust is cause for general complaint. However the return of "Dusty" Hannen is indeed a welcome sight to all of us at Medco. We might add this is the new 1965 light weight, slim lined, fast back model, as Dusty is lighter by 30 lbs. with another 20 lbs. to go. Good to have you back, Dusty, and in good shape.

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DRIVING LESSONS, ANYONE?

We understand from an article in the Medford high school newspaper (Hi-Times) that the Medco fuel truck caused some furor at the high school recently.

Apparently room 23 and the students therein are in line with the truck's course to the fuel dump. On the day in point the truck backed up—and up—and up—and down into the pit and nearly into the nervously watching classroom.

After much tugging and hawing and jacking the truck was finally hauled from the pit. There was some parting comment on the part of the students about Saturday driving lessons.

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NEEDS REPEATING

Always interested in sayings and writings of merit, your editor felt he couldn't pass up publishing this very admirable quote by a man held in high esteem by millions.

ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the small men by tearing down the big men. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income. You cannot further the brotherhood of men by inciting class hatred. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

—Abraham Lincoln

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CHECK THE FACTS ON WORKMENS COMPENSATION MEASURE

Ballot measure #3 on November 3rd will be a key issue for all workmen. We ask you to remember when studying this proposal that increased benefits under Workmen's Compensation are not the issue. **Check the facts.** Increased benefits were agreed upon during the last legislative session and supported and endorsed by employers. In other words employers are in agreement that the increased benefits are needed.

Check the Facts. The issue that causes grave concern is the attempt to monopolize the accident insurance business. If this measure is passed all employers would be forced to buy on-the-job injury insurance from only one source, the State Industrial Accident Commission. How would you like the State to tell you that you could buy only one car—the Oregonmobile, or one television set—Beaver TV, or shop at only one grocery store—State Foods, Inc.? As a thinking individual in a land of free choice you know darned well what your reaction would be. **Check the Facts.**

Some other adverse affects would be slowness in payment of benefits. Private insurers as a matter of record have faster payment schedules than

the State. Your current insurers payment time averages a week or less. The state in a sample period ran 46½ days for the fastest time loss payment (**more than 6 times as long**) with the average of 86 days (**more than 12 times as long**) in the majority of cases.

Also, would you rather have our Company, as an interested party, process your claim or some clerk in a remote State Bureau handle your claim impersonally, by mail, classifying you as a number and a statistic, not an individual? **Check the Facts.** The benefits of the private program are better than that of the State. The program you are currently under, underwritten by a world-wide, well-known insurer, has been in effect 23 years providing you with the best in accident insurance. **Check the Facts.**

You are currently not required to pay any part of your on-the-job accident insurance. However, passage of Measure #3 makes some payment by you, the employee, mandatory.

We recommend that you check the facts and vote for benefits for you and your family, not the benefit of a pressure or special interest group—**VOTE NO ON MEASURE #3 ON NOVEMBER 3rd.**

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Part of the group of visitors from Alba, Italy are shown as they paused on their tour of the sawmill. The size of the saws from the

headrigs were cause for some exclamations from the group.

CREDIT UNION NEWS

October 15th is Credit Union Day. And is celebrated thru out the free nations of the world. There are Credit Unions in every free nation in the world, but none in the communist nations.

Credit Unions cannot operate unless they are operated in an efficient business-like manner. The records must be kept properly, loans must be carefully considered with the members' best interest in mind.

In considering loans, the Credit Union committee must keep in mind also the borrower's need, plus his ability to repay. While on the other hand, they must be sure the delinquencies are not too many.

Of course the object is to help all the Credit union members—borrowers as well as the savers. The best security a member can give is good paying habits plus a good character. These are the primary things a Credit Committee will look for in a borrower.

The Directors must assume the full responsibility for the policies which guide and direct a Credit Union. But they do not restrict or interfere with its smooth operation.

The Supervisory Committee must make certain that all of these things are done by the various Boards. Periodic audits of books and papers are necessary in the proper operation of a Credit Union.

No matter how hard the various Boards and their officers try, they cannot have a successful Credit Union unless the members give a hand in the education of all the employees of Medco.

So why not give all of us a helping hand by talkings to a fellow employee about your credit union. Keeping in mind to get the proper information.

The Credit Union needs two more people on the Board of Directors. Anyone who is interested may contact the Credit Union office any working day at noon. Please tell anyone you know who might be interested. They must be a member of our credit union.

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Everything seems to be evened up in this life. The fellow with less hair to comb always has more face to wash.

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LOG EXPORTS

A meeting was held in Medford recently to discuss a problem that might seem remote to our area yet could be of serious proportions in a short time. The problem discussed was the exporting of logs—primarily to Japan.

It has been estimated that the year 1964 will see a total log export figure reaching one billion board feet shipped to Japan.

This exporting of logs it was stated has already caused serious economic problems in the state of Washington's forest products industry. The main source of the trouble seems to be the lack of log supply available to the domestic mills. The Japanese, due to their lower labor costs and abilities to achieve an extremely high percentage of utilization, simply out-bid the local log buyers.

Will this become a problem in the Rogue River valley? Probabilities are that it will. If not directly by log export from our area, then indirectly by other areas who have been squeezed by export markets starting to shift their log purchases to our area thus reducing our log supplies. Also by the potential increase in workers who have been let out by closures of mills in other areas overflowing into our labor pool and the general increase in log prices as bidding will not only be competitive within the local region but by international competition.

This situation proves food for thought—and perhaps some course of action.

MARKET REPORT

The old sales joke of moving from the summer slow season into the fall slump may prove to be not so much of a joke after all. In our market check with sales manager Ed Nave things appear very quiet for the market in our various consuming areas.

Mother nature still holds the key for the last few months of the year however and good open weather in the Mid-West and East during the fall could help matters considerably.

Recently plywood prices fell another notch in both sanded and sheathing. Lumber prices slipped in unseasoned Douglas Fir dimension with the balance of stocks in Pine and White Fir remaining status quo.

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READY HARVEST

A young man lived with his parents in a Public Housing Development. He attended the public schools and participated in the "free" lunch program. He entered the army, then upon discharge retained his National Service Life Insurance. He enrolled in the State University, working part time at the State Capitol to supplement his GI education check. Upon graduation he married a Public Health Nurse and bought a home with a GI loan.

A baby was born in the City Hospital. He bought a small ranch with the aid of the Veteran's Land Program and obtained emergency livestock feed from the government. Later he put part of his land in the Soil Bank and the payments soon paid off the ranch. His mother and father lived on the ranch comfortably on their Social Security and Old Age Assistance checks. REA supplied electricity, the government helped him clear his land, the County Agent showed him how to terrace it and the government built him a fish pond.

He read books from the public library and his banked money was insured by an agency of the government. The children grew up and entered public school, ate free lunches, rode the school bus, played in the municipal park, swam in the public pool and joined the FFA.

The man owned an automobile so he favored the Federal Highway Program. He signed a petition seeking Federal assistance in developing an industrial project and was a leader in a move to get a new Federal Building and went to Washington with a group to ask the government to build a great power dam costing millions so the area could get "cheap" electricity. He was also a leader in a move to get his specific type of business a special tax write-off and exemptions.

Then one day he wrote his Congressman: "I wish to protest these excessive government expenditures and attendant high taxes. I believe in rugged individualism. I think people should stand on their own two feet without expecting handouts. I am opposed to all Socialistic trends and I demand the return to the principles of our Constitution and the policies of States Rights." (Milwaukee, Wisc. Commerce - Medford Chamber of Commerce)

If you have any qualms about your profession, just say that you're an artist. No one can prove you ain't.

INDUSTRY PARADE

Medford will have one of the largest parades ever seen in the city on **Saturday, October 24th**. The event will feature a complete story on the manufacture of Forest Products . . . from the tree in the forest to the completed products. No, we won't have a sawmill or plywood plant in the parade but just about everything else including several bands and lots of big machines.

One important feature will be the educational displays. Members of the Southern Oregon logging companies, sawmills, plywood plants and others will display floats and equipment showing Forest Management programs, tree planting programs, the many species of trees in this area, products produced, the heavy investment in machinery and logging equipment . . . all of which is vitally important to the economy of our area.

WEDDING BELLS

William Gates and Miss Cheri Dunn were married on August 29th at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Medford. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Girl's Community Club, where the traditional Norwegian krum-kake, made by the mother of the bridegroom was served.

After the wedding and reception, the couple traveled to the Oregon Coast for their wedding trip. They will make their home on Eleventh Street in Medford. Father of the bridegroom is our own Bill Gates.

HERE & THERE

We were told we missed a good show the other day when they took the little fork lift out of the glue loft in the plywood plant. The operation involved driving the little fork out of the glue loft on a platform supported by another fork.

All was quiet at the planing mill, just a few stories about buck hunting from the few who were doing maintenance work but most of the men were out after the elusive deer.

Search as we may . . . all we could find in the way of news about what the boys had been doing was buck hunting, where they went, what they got (if anything) etc.

Elmer Johnson got his first deer this year, said he had never even shot at a deer before. He came home with a forked horn.

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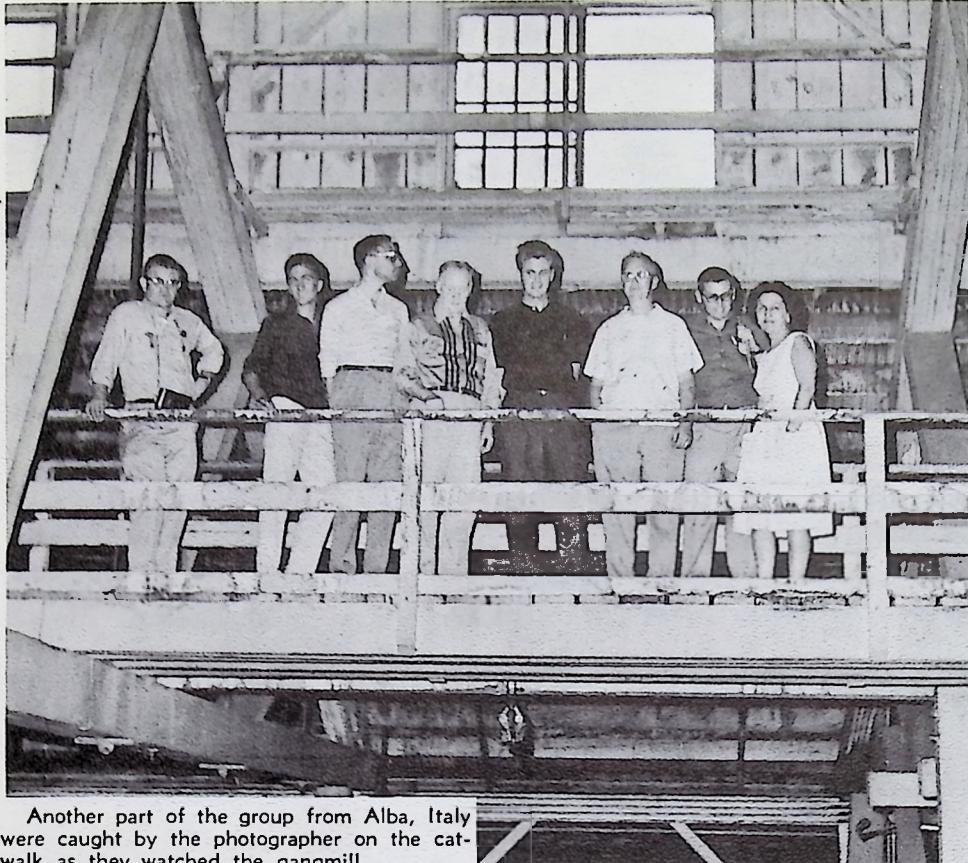
EDITOR GOOFS

Your editor has a red face and certainly does not look becoming with his typewriter in his mouth. This happened when the last paper spelled Leonard Viles name as Biles. We hereby announce our sincere regrets Leonard . . . Please don't shoot!

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Another part of the group from Alba, Italy were caught by the photographer on the catwalk as they watched the gangmill.



Shown here are the four daughters of Art Schweibert posed with Bill Little who portrayed Paul Bunyan at the Oregon exhibit of the New York World's Fair.

The girls, (L to R) Ann, Martha, Gay and Betty made an extended trip which took from June 12th to July 5th. They had a wonderful time but were happy to get back to the Rogue Valley.

MEDCO BOWLING LEAGUE

Sept. 28, 1964

	Won	Lost	Pct.	High Man	
1. Mavericks	11	1	.917	Skeets Gattis	550
2. Stump Jumpers	9	3	.750	Bud Tungate	571
3. Rejects	9	3	.750	Joe Cabler	571
4. Wreckers	8	4	.667	Larry Ryerson	545
5. Green Chain	8	4	.667	Mel Rose	517
6. Odds & Ends	6	6	.500	Carl Scott	520
7. Scratch Pads	5	7	.417	Tom Stanton	613
8. Five Stoogies	5	7	.417	Bob Carpenter	520
9. Blackjacks	4	8	.333	Raymond Roberts	490
10. Chinese Bandits	3	9	.250	Buck Morgan	510
11. White Specks	2	10	.167	Mike Oreskovic	554
12. Laps & Gaps	2	10	.167	Joe Haugen	467

High Game — Elvin Wolgamott 234

High Series — Tom Stanton 613

High Series with Handicap — Tom Stanton 643

NEW BABIES

Dick and Rosemarie Atterbury announced the arrival of their seventh child on September 21st. After Jason Paul, who has been nicknamed "Little Jay" arrived, the score at the Atterbury house reads four boys and three girls. "Little Jay" weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Wesley and Mary France, Jr., added another girl to their family on August 21st. She has been named Marcel Lynn and weighed in at 7 lb. 6 oz. She has a sister named Rosalind. Wes made sure the editor understood that it was a Jr., because he didn't want Grandpa to get the credit.

A Grandfather announcement was made September 8th when Rick Wolgamott announced the birth of his first son, making Elvin Wolgamott a grandfather for the first time, of a boy with the family name.